

*Greetings from Gagangiri Travels... !!!*

**(5 Nights / 6 Days) Fly In & Fly Out  
(Thimphu 2N – Wangdue / Punakha 1N – Paro 2N)**

**Day 01: Paro Airport - Thimphu**

**(Distance: 55 Kms. / Driving Time: 1½ Hrs. / Altitude of Thimphu: 2,350 Mts.)**

Meet & Greet on arrival at Paro Airport and transfer to Thimphu (7,710 ft.) the capital city of Bhutan. On arrival check in at the hotel. In the evening, you may choose to relax at the hotel or take a leisure walk around the Thimphu City. Overnight stay at Thimphu.

**Day 02: Thimphu Sightseeing**

**(Altitude of Thimphu: 2350 Mts.)**

After breakfast visit the **Kuenselphodrang** (Buddha Dordenma). Located at a short drive from Thimphu City Centre, Kuenselphodrang offers a good overview of the Thimphu valley. The largest statue of Buddha in the country sits here which houses over one hundred thousand smaller Buddha statues. Then visit the National Memorial Chorten built in the memory of the Third King of Bhutan and visit the **Folk Heritage Museum**. Afternoon visit **Sangaygang View Point**. The Lookout point offers a stunning panoramic view of the entire Thimphu. On the way back visit the **Takin Preserve Centre**. Takin is the National animal of Bhutan. Then visit the **Changangkha Lhakhang**. This is a popular Buddhist temple and is especially visited by parents to receive blessings for their new-born. Its interiors are full of murals that depict different stories. In the evening, visit the Tashichho Dzong, first built in 1216 A.D. by Lama Gyalwa Lhanangpa. The Dzong is the seat of the National Government and the Central Monastic Body, including the summer residence of the Je Khenpo (Chief Abbot of Bhutan). Overnight stay at Thimphu.

**Day 03: Thimphu - Punakha/Wangdue Sightseeing**

**(Distance: 78 Kms. / Driving Time: 3 Hrs. / Altitude of Punakha: 1,310 Mts.)**

After breakfast drive to Punakha/Wangdue (4298 ft.), on the way Stop at **Dochu-La-Pass** (10334 ft.) to view the higher Himalayas. The pass is approximately 25 kms away from Thimphu and is the highest point between the Thimphu and Punakha/Wangdue Valley. Another attraction is the 108 chorten/stupas (Druk Wangyel Chortens) built close to each other surrounded by numerous colorful prayer flags. On arrival at Punakha, check in at the hotel. Afternoon, visit **Punakha Dzong** - built in 1637 by Zhabdrung Ngawang Namgyal. For many years until the time of the second king, it served as the seat of the Government. The Dzong was named Druk Pungthang Dechen Phodrang (Palace of Great Happiness). Punakha is still the winter residence of Je-Khenpo and King Jigme Dorji Wangchuck convened the first National Assembly here in 1952. After that take a short and easy hike to visit the **Chhimi Lhakhang** - The Temple, also known as “The Temple of Fertility” was built by Lama Drukpa Kuenley, “The Devine Mad Man”. Evening free for leisure. Overnight stay at Punakha / Wangdue.

#### **Day 04: Punakha/Wangdue - Paro Sightseeing**

**(Distance: 125 Kms. / Driving Time: 5 Hrs. / Altitude of Paro: 2,280 Mts.)**

After breakfast drive to Paro (7,483 ft.). On the way stop at Lamperi to visit **Royal Botanical Park**. This park is a treat for nature lovers as the 36 species of exotic rhododendron and approximately 220 types of charming birds will make your day unforgettable. On arrival check in at the hotel. Afternoon visit **Ta Dzong** - National Museum with an excellent collection of arts, relics, religious thangkha, etc. Then visit the **Rinpung Dzong** - Meaning "fortress of the heap of jewels". The dzong now serves as the administrative and judicial seat of Paro. Rest of the evening at leisure. Overnight stay at Paro.

#### **Day 05: Excursion to Taktshang Monastery**

**(Distance: 40 Kms. / Driving Time: 1.5 Hrs.)**

After breakfast, drive to the base of the abode of gods and monks, the **Taktshang Monastery**. The monastery is a 2 -3 hours hike uphill from here. One feels truly blessed reaching the monastery. The primary Lhakhang was built surrounding Guru Rinpoche's Meditation cave in 1684 which clings to the edge of a sheer Rock cliff that plunges 900 meters into the valley below. Legend has it that Guru Rinpoche flew here on the back of a tigress which gives its name "Taktshang" meaning Tiger's nest. Afternoon (If time permits), visit the **Drukgyel Dzong**. Built in 1647, the dzong was destroyed by accidental fire and left in ruins as an evocative reminder of the great victories it was built to commemorate. Explore the ramparts and experience an unforgettable view of Mt. Jhomolhari (7,314 m). On the way back, visit **Kichu Lhakhang**, one of the oldest Buddhist temples in Bhutan. Overnight stay at Paro.

#### **Day 06: Paro Hotel - Paro Airport**

After breakfast check out from hotel and drive to Paro Airport for your onward journey.

#### **About Vehicle:**

All the vehicles provided, unless other wise specified will be Non-A/C Vehicles. Supplement Charges will be applicable for A/C vehicles.

**Note -** In case the number of heads including child increases, then the guest will have to take bigger vehicle with an additional cost. For instance, for 3<sup>rd</sup> adult or child traveling together with 02 Pax, the guests would have to pay supplement charges for Toyota Hiace/Hundai H1 instead of SUV. The details of supplement costs are given below:

<b>Cost Include:</b>	<b>Cost Exclude:</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Accommodation on twin Sharing Basis.</li> <li>✓ Meal Plan (as per mentioned above).</li> <li>✓ Exclusive Non-a/c vehicle for transfers &amp; sightseeing as per itinerary.</li> <li>✓ All permit fees &amp; hotel taxes (as per itinerary).</li> <li>✓ Guide charges (Only Bhutan Portion).</li> <li>✓ Sustainable Development fee" (SDF)</li> <li>✓ Rates are valid for INDIAN NATIONALS only.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Air Fare/ Train fare.</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Personal Expenses such as Laundry, telephone calls, tips &amp; gratuity, mineral water, soft &amp; hard drinks, rafting, rock climbing, paragliding, portage.</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Additional sightseeing or extra usage of vehicle, other than mentioned in the itinerary.</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Entrance Fees.</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Any cost arising due to natural calamities like, landslides, road blockage, political disturbances (strikes), etc (to be borne by the client, is directly payable on the spot).</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Any increase in taxes or fuel price, leading to increase in cost on surface transportation &amp; land arrangements, which may come into effect prior to departure.</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GST, TCS &amp; Travel Insurance.</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Anything which is not include in the inclusion.</li> </ul>

#### **Permit for Bhutan:**

Indian nationals do not require visa to travel in Bhutan. Only a Valid Passport /Voter Id Card, Travel Insurance and Passport Size Photos are the valid documents for obtaining entry permit.

#### **Advance Online Permits**

If you are traveling with an Indian Passport (with a minimum validity of 6 months from the date of departure from Bhutan), you can avail advance online permits by sending us clear colored scanned passport copy as well as the other necessary documents (Travel Insurance, Passport Size Photo). It should reach us before 10 working days. We shall not be responsible for any rejections or similar issues in regards to the permits due to improper documents or delay in arrival of documents.

#### **NOTE:**

- The above-mentioned hotels will be confirmed as per the room availability. Otherwise we will confirm similar category.
- The rates quoted in the packages are on per person basis & valid for Indian nationals (High seasons surcharge will be applicable during the Festivals (Tshechu) & Peak season). We believe in giving value for money and we believe that quality comes with a price tag. We at Neptune promise to provide the best of our services and keep by our commitments towards quality and the sensitivity of the services.

#### **DO'S:**

- ✓ Adults must carry original & valid Passport or original Voter ID card. Children must carry original & valid Passport or original birth certificate & school photo ID card.
- ✓ Remember to carry essential belongings as per the season and personal requirements (including hiking shoes)
- ✓ Please check with your mobile service provider for charges related to Bhutan.

**DON'TS:**

- Tobacco & Tobacco products are banned in Bhutan.
- Do not bring any plant or agricultural product out of Bhutan. It is illegal.
- Credit cards are accepted in selected establishments in Bhutan.
- Usage of Drones is strictly prohibited in Bhutan.
- Photography is not allowed inside temples and Dzongs.